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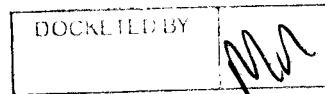
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Subject: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
SunZia Transmission, L.L.C.
Ten Year Plan for 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.02 (A) and (C), SunZia Transmission, L.L.C. ("SunZia") hereby submits its first Ten Year Plan filing for the year 2009. For the past two years, Ten Year Plan filings for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project were submitted by Southwestern Power Group, L.L.C. ("SWPG") on behalf of SunZia Southwest, L.L.C., which is wholly-owned by SWPG.

The SunZia Southwest Transmission Project ("Project") is comprised of extra high voltage transmission lines and termination facilities that would create a new interconnection between central Arizona and central New Mexico. A map depicting proposed and alternate routes and substations is included as Appendix "A". Such facilities would allow delivery of remotely-located renewable power generation resources (e.g. wind, solar and geothermal) to power markets in the Western Interconnect.

During the past year, a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") was executed among five project participants: Salt River Project, Tucson Electric Power Company, SouthWestern Power Group, Energy Capital Partners, and Shell WindEnergy.

An environmental impact statement ("EIS"), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, is currently underway. The Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") is acting as the lead federal agency overseeing the EIS process. Current planning indicates a Draft EIS will be published by the BLM in July 2010. The Project anticipates filing an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility upon

completion of such event. In the meantime, SunZia continues to maintain advisory communication on Project status with the Chairman of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee and the Commission Staff.

In addition, SunZia continues its application for a project rating pursuant to the guidelines of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council ("WECC"). This activity is part of WECC's Regional Planning Process in which the Project is participating.

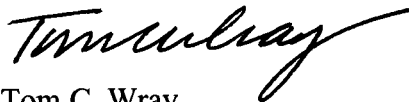
Information Requirements associated with A.R.S. § 40-360.02 (C) are included as Appendix "B" to this filing.

SunZia continues to coordinate closely with siting jurisdictions in both Arizona and New Mexico as the Project progresses. The Project is regularly reviewed and discussed at regional planning forums such as WestConnect, the Southwest Area Transmission Planning group ("SWAT") and SWAT's various subcommittees. The Commission's Staff is an active participant in these and other important regional electricity planning forums.

This informational filing is intended to be responsive to the requirements of A.R.S. § 40-360.02 (A) and (C) as they might apply to the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project and related electric facilities currently under study. Depending on both the timing and nature of future development, the Project may have occasion to file an amendment to this Ten Year Plan for 2009.

Please direct any questions that may arise from this report to the undersigned at (602) 808-2004.

Sincerely,



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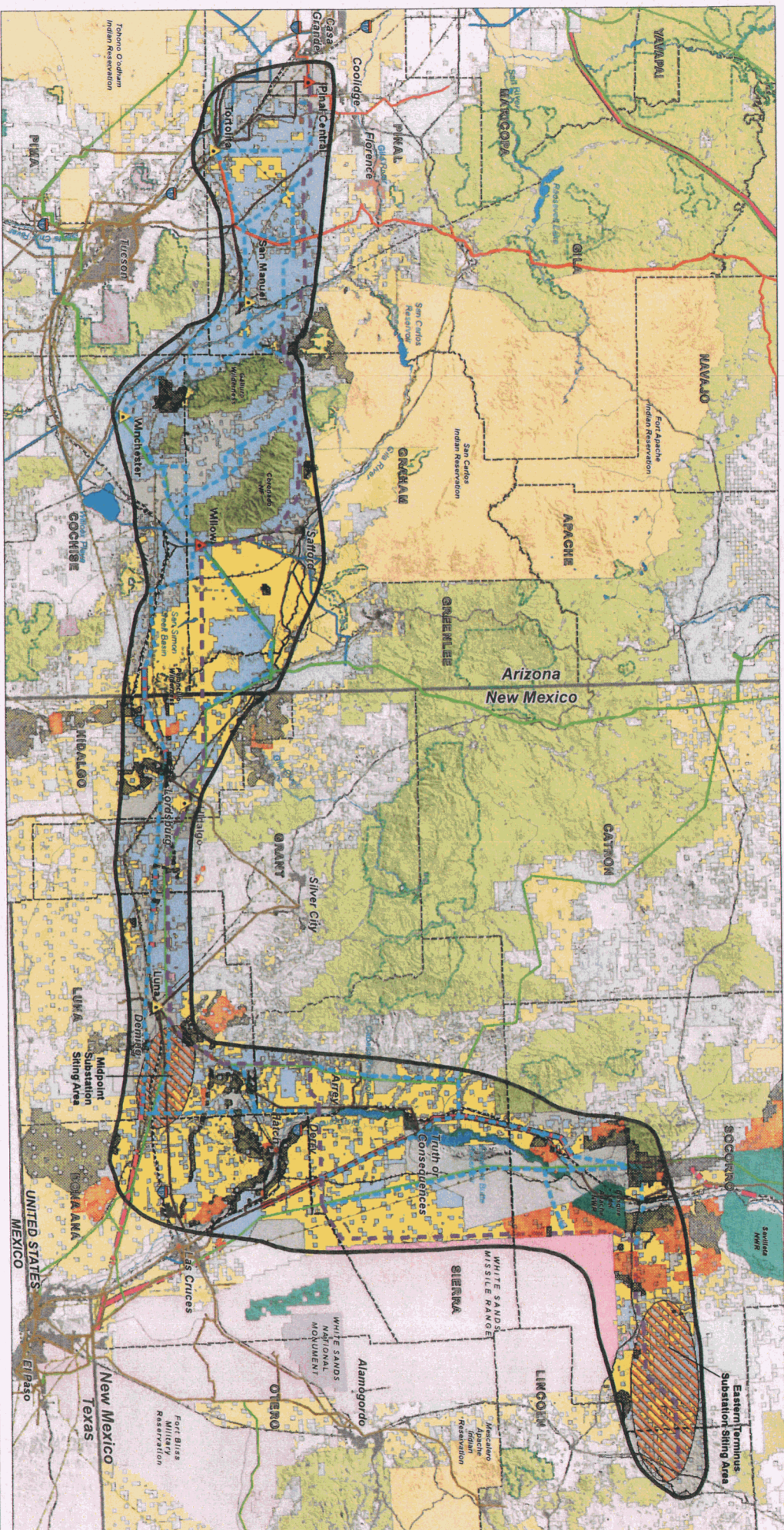
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Appendix “A”

**SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
Preliminary Study Corridor Map
(As of November 13, 2008)**



SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Preliminary Study Corridor

November 13, 2008



Note • Substation and transmission line locations are schematic and do not represent precise locations

Appendix “B”

**SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
A.R.S. § 40-360.02 (C) Information Requirements**

Appendix B

Information Requirements Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.02 (C)

40-360.02 (C) (1).

The size and proposed route of any transmission lines or location of each plant proposed to be constructed.

The SunZia Southwest Transmission Project ("Project") proposes to permit and construct up to two new single-circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) alternating current (AC) transmission lines originating at a new substation located in Lincoln County, New Mexico and terminating at the Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona. The 500 kV transmission lines would interconnect with the underlying EHV grid. Depending on technical analysis of power flows, the Project may construct and operate one of the proposed transmission lines as a direct current bipolar facility.

The estimated length of the proposed transmission line route is approximately 460 miles. Approximately 170 miles of the proposed route is inside the state of Arizona.

At this early stage in the development of the Project, the final capacity rating has not been determined. However, for planning purposes, the projected capacity of the fully constructed Project has been estimated to be 3,000 megawatts.

40-360.02 (C) (2).

The purpose to be served by each proposed transmission line or plant.

The Project is conceived as a power transfer facility to transport generation from remotely-located renewable energy resources (e.g. wind, solar and geothermal) to markets in the Western Interconnect.

40-360.02 (C) (3).

The estimated date by which each transmission line or plant will be in operation.

Based on current planning the first phase of the Project would be placed in service in 2013.

40-360.02 (C) (4).

The average and maximum power output measured in megawatts of each plant to be installed.

Not applicable.

40-360.02 (C) (5).

The expected capacity factor for each proposed plant.

Not applicable.

40-360.02 (C) (6).

The type of fuel to be used for each proposed plant.

Not applicable.

40-360.02 (C) (7).

The plans for any new facilities shall include a power flow and stability analysis report showing the effect on the current Arizona electric transmission system. Transmission owners shall provide the technical reports, analysis or basis for projects that are included for serving customer load growth in their service territories.

Power flow studies, stability studies, dynamic system modeling and short-circuit studies will be prepared as the Project's electrical definition matures. The Project will coordinate and review these study findings with Commission Staff as they become available.